

GOOD NEWS about GRACE

Part # 1: **Amazing Grace**

The simple definition of "Grace" is "God's Unmerited Favor". Grace is God's gift to you through your belief in His Son, Jesus Christ, even though you may not deserve it.

Before you begin:

- 1. Do you have the assurance of this grace in your acceptance and belief in Jesus?
- 2. Are you dispensing the wonders of this grace in your witness to others?
- 3. How do you deal with feelings of guilt and shame when you know you have sinned?

The Grace That Saves Us . . .

Monday: **God's gift to you**

Romans 3:23-24 ²³ Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, ²⁴ God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ.

1. According to verse 23 what predicament has man created for himself?

2. On your own what are you capable of accomplishing toward living the glorious life God wants you to have?

3. What has God done to make it possible and through whom has He done this glorious thing?

Tuesday

Faith is the Key

Ephesians 2:8-9 ⁸ God saved you by his special favor when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

1. God gives you His special favor after you have done what?

2. According to Romans 1:17 how does God use your faith?

Romans 1:17 ¹⁷ This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

3. Through whom do you get Eternal Life? **1 John 5:11-12**

¹¹ This is the testimony in essence: God gave us eternal life; the life is in his Son. ¹² So, whoever has the Son, has life; whoever rejects the Son, rejects life.

Wednesday

Available To Everyone

Romans 4:16

¹⁶ So that's why faith is the key! God's promise is given to us as a free gift. And we are certain to receive it, whether or not we follow Jewish customs, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe.

1. What is the "key" to a right relationship with God? _____
2. Faith means trusting God to do what he promised plus you doing what?

3. God's saving "Grace" is not for a select group, but for everyone. You do not have to attain a certain level of righteousness. When you have faith that God will keep his promise, it is what kind of gift to you? _____

Thursday

Comes Through Jesus Christ

Romans 5:6-10

⁶ When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. ⁷ Now, no one is likely to die for a good person, though someone might be willing to die for a person who is especially good. ⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. ⁹ And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's judgment. ¹⁰ For since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by his life.

1. What did Christ do for us? (verse 6)

2. What was our condition when Christ died for us? (verse 8)

3. God showed His great love for you by allowing His son to die in your place while you were still His enemy. What has that done to your relationship with God? (verse 10)

Friday

Extended Through Eternity

Romans 6:23

²³ *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.*

1. You are given the responsibility of choice. If you choose to continue to rebel against God and continue to be His enemy you have earned wages. What are those wages?

2. That freedom of choice can be expressed in the choosing of Christ and receiving the gift provided by God's Grace. What is that gift?

3. You are free to make a choice, but you are not free to choose the consequences of your choice. A choice to reject God's grace comes with the consequence of eternal death, separation from God (Hell). If you choose to accept God's free gift of Grace by inviting Christ into your life, it brings the consequence of Eternal Life. Which have you chosen or which do you think you should choose?

Turning Point...

Life's Greatest Choice

From the seeds of our conception,
 Beyond the rigors of our birth,
 From childhood to our golden days,
 Through all our years on earth,
 We're offered the greatest choice,
 Choice of eternal heaven or hell,
 Under the eyes of man and God,
 Where will your choices have you dwell?

Many things seem so important to us,
 Even the little things of every day,
 But, NO choice is too small,
 That might block our Christian way.
 We're offered the greatest choice,
 Choice of Eternal heaven or hell,
 Under the eyes of man and God,
 Where will your choices have you dwell?

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We plunge through life without thought,
 Making choices in things we do and say,
 To friends, family, strangers, and to oneself,
 Thinking, "Oh well, tomorrow's another day!"
 We're offered the greatest choice,
 Choice of eternal heaven or hell,
 Under the eyes of man and God,
 Where will your choices have you dwell?

Time runs out as years fly by,
 'Til we stand before our God,
 Realizing how carelessly we chose,
 The easier way while on earth's sod.
 Choices have determined our Eternal lives,
 Under the loving eyes of our Lord,
 Where will your choices have you dwell?
 Will it be Heaven or will it be Hell?

(Doris Higgs)
